

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/786,508

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 4-11-2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Detailed Action

1. This Office Action is submitted in response to the Amendment filed 4-11-2006, wherein claims 1-12 are canceled and new claims 13-21 have been added. Claims 13-21 are pending

2. The Examiner agrees with the arguments presented in the Remarks filed 4-11-2006 regarding prior arts lack of a removably mounted rechargeable battery, and thereby withdraws the rejection in the Office Action mailed 1-12-2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 13-21 are allowed

Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. Claim 13 is allowed because prior art fails to show a light source for detecting forensic residues at a site that are not detectable under ambient lighting, said light source comprising; a thin walled housing member having an interior space including a frontal opening and a rear base; a rechargeable battery operatively removably mounted on said rear base; a handle member selectively removably attached to either a top surface or a bottom surface of said housing member; a source of white light mounted in said frontal opening; means including switch means carried on said housing member for electrically connecting said source to said battery; a reflector member surrounding said source for receiving illumination from said source and

and projecting reflected illumination forwardly; a cylindrical housing assembly including a frontal lens connected with said housing member at said frontal opening for receiving said reflected illumination from said reflector member and forwardly projecting illumination in a shallow angle beam; a transverse slot formed in said housing assembly and intersecting said reflected illumination; a first slide member slidable in said slot between a plurality of detented positions, said slide member having a first set of a plurality of wavelength filters for selectively illumination certain of said forensic residues wherein one of said filters is interposed in said reflected illumination in one of said selected positions; an air inlet opening in said housing assembly immediately behind said slide member; an outlet opening in said housing member adjacent said base; and fan means in said housing member adjacent said outlet opening, said fan means being effective for drawing air through said inlet opening across said slide member and over said light source for maintaining cooling of said housing interior and said filters during operation.

5. Claims 14-21 are allowed by virtue of their dependency upon allowed claim 13.

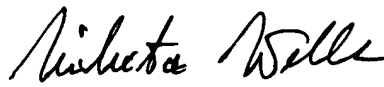
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Phillip Johnston whose telephone number is (571) 272-2475. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30 am to 3:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor John Lee can be reached at (571) 272-2477. The fax phone number for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is 571 273 8300.

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